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SUBJ: FURTHER ON PROTESTANT YOUTH DEMONSTRATION IN CHONJU

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1. KNCC SOURCES HAVE PROVIDED CORRECTED INFORMATION AND FURTHER DETAIL ON YOUTH DEMONSTRATION IN CHONJU. AUTHORITIES WILL CHARGE SIX PERSONS IN CONNECTION WITH INCIDENT ALTHOUGH THREE WILL BE PERMITTED TO REMAIN AT LIBERTY DURING INVESTIGATION AND TRIAL PERIOD. TIMING OF DEMONSTRATION OCCURRED FORTUITOUSLY, AS REPORTED REFTEL, BUT A NUCLEUS OF PARTICIPANTS HAD BEEN PROMOTING IDEA OF A DEMONSTRATION THROUGHOUT MEETING WHICH WAS STRECHED OUT OVER SEVERAL DAYS. REPORTEDLY, THOSE HOPING TO SPARK DEMONSTRATION WERE AIMING FOR RALLY AT CLOSING CEREMONY OR SHORTLY THEREAFTER. DEMONSTRATION GOT OFF EARLY WHEN STUDENTS FOUND THEMSELVES ROAMING TOWN IN SEARCH OF SITE FOR AN EVENING MEETING AS NOTED REFTEL. POLICE WHO WERE EXPECTING POTENTIAL TROUBLE AT A DIFFERENT TIME DID NOT MOBILIZE IN TIME TO NIP DEMONSTRATION IN BUD AND WERE FORCED TO GREATER EXERTIONS TO CONTAIN AND DISPERSE CROWD.

2. YOUTH ASSOCIATION INVOLVED RELATED TO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ROK, ONE OF MORE LIBERAL KOREAN PROTESTANT DENOMINATIONS.
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KNCC SURCES INDICATE THAT DENOMINATION LEADERS DIVIDED IN REACTION TO INCIDENT WITH SOME ARGUING THAT ROKG SHOULD DROP CHARGES AGAINST ALL THOSE INVOLVED AND OTHERS MAINTAINING THAT PERSONS INVOLVED DELIBERATELY VIOLATED LAW AND SHOULD TAKE CONSEQUENCES OF THEIR ACTION.
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